

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Atty. Docket No. UOM0182PUS
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING A PROGRESSIVE, PRICE-DRIVEN COMBINATORIAL AUCTION

the specification of which:

[] is attached hereto; or
[X] was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 04/17/2000 as U.S. Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/550,964, and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) ____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

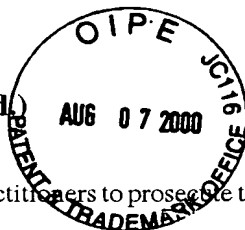
Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Priority Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? (Yes/No)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned

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For: Method and Computer System for Conducting a Progressive, Price-Driven Combinatorial Auction

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)) - NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the non-profit organization identified below:

NAME OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION The Regents of The University of Michigan

ADDRESS OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION Room 2071, 3003 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109

TYPE OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION:

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I hereby declare that the non-profit organization identified above qualifies as a non-profit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding the invention entitled:

Method and Computer System for Conducting a Progressive, Price-Driven Combinatorial Auction

by inventor(s) Peter R. Wurman and Michael P. Wellman described in:

☐ the specification filed herewith

☒ application Serial No. 09/550,964, filed 04/17/00

☐ Patent No. _____, issued _____

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the non-profit organization regarding the above identified invention.

If the rights held by the non-profit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e).

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